

New president elected, and

Change and challenge seemed to be the order of the day at the annual board meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario in November.

Margaret Munro was elected as the new FWIO President by the provincial board directors, and also two new provincial conveners were elected. They are Agnes Reist, Kitchener as Education and Cultural Activities Convener, and Lillian White, Ingersoll as Family and Consumer Affairs Convener.

Another change taking place within the organization is the hiring of an executive secretary. Advertisements will be placed in suitable publications. Applications for this position are to be submitted to the FWIO office in Guelph by Feb. 20, 1987. Following interviews in March, the successful candidate will assume duties in April.

In accordance with FWIC by-laws, the FWIO board elected:

- Bernice Noblitt
vice-president for Ontario
- Margaret Munro
senior board director

**Rena
Cunningham
FWIO PRO**



Charlotte Johnson
junior board director
Eva Tuck

alternate junior board director
FWIO is a constituent society of ACWW and will be represented by council members Margaret Munro and Luella Lewis.

Perhaps the biggest task that is nearly completed is the constitution review. At this meeting, a proposed revised constitution and by-laws were studied and approved by provincial board. Now after final corrections, the content will be formulated into a new handbook.

Women's Institutes of Ontario continue to accept the challenges related to the concerns and issues of today's society. FWIO appointed a committee, Jean Tandberg as chairman, to compile a submission for the Social

Assistance Review Board which is examining the social assistance system and related programs across Ontario.

Having previously organized a pilot project on child care, FWIO decided that membership with the Ontario Coalition for Better Daycare would be beneficial and named Barbara Patterson as FWIO's representative.

FWIO representatives also attended seminars and disseminated information on the safe use of pesticides, nuclear waste management, pay equity, and leadership topics. Reports showed FWIO also addressed challenges regarding the agricultural industry.

FWIO presented a brief to a task force of the Ontario Institute of Agrologists on the future of the province's agriculture industry, and sent representation to the seminar Shape of the Agriculture and Food Industry in the Year 2000: Implications and Opportunities. FWIO representatives also attended meetings of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Royal Agriculture Winter Fair Association of Canada, and the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame.

The 1986-87 FWIO Board constitution reviewed



First year board members are, from l to r, front row; Myrle Stone, Muriel Busch (alternate), Margaret McKibbin, Erma Bennett, Joan Law, Jean Sills. In the back row; Velda Thompson, Irma Shortt, Florence Gole, Lorraine Schmidt, Donna Henderson (alternate), Shirley Johnston, Gail Murdock, Leila Pettigrew, Vera Holmes, Marion Thompson.



Third year board members are, from l to r, front row; Dorothy Harnden, Luella Lewis, Eva Tuck, Dorothy Van Patter. In the back row; Thea Sinninghe, Winnie Wilson, Evelyn Bothwell, Wyn Allary.



Second year board members are, from l to r, front row; Jean Tandberg, Dorothy Petch, Helen Burns, Marian Dougall. In the back row; Dorothy Friar (alternate), Barbara Patterson, Mabel Logan, Isabelle Booker, Orpha Trapanier, Doris Bell.